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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 17 - Triple Nickel Grill Night
- ◆ January 19 - Domino's Pizza Night
- ◆ January 20 - Cultural Arts Day
- ◆ January 23 - 27 - PTA Food Drive
- ◆ February 2 - PTA General Meeting
- ◆ February 7 - Class Picture Day
- ◆ February 8 - PTA Paper Drive
- ◆ February 8 - BOP's Night
- ◆ February 14 - Triple Nickel Grill Night
- ◆ February 16 - Domino's Pizza Night
- ◆ February 17 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mardi Gras Parade

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## Principal's Letter

We had an exciting back-to-school day on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. All the students seemed eager to be back, visiting with their friends and teachers. In morning meeting, I asked the students if they knew the meaning of the word "resolution". To the amazement of the principal and teachers, we had several students who gave awesome student generated definitions of the word. My next question to the students was, "Did any of you make any New Year's resolutions that you would like to share?" Again, I heard great words of inspiration such as: "I am going to be kinder to my brother or sister; I am going to get better grades; I am going to work harder on the "Fish Philosophy"; I am going to get my homework done without my parents telling me to do it" and many others. We were very amazed at the wonderful plans for improvement for the New Year by the students.

I would like to encourage parents who bring their children as morning car riders to try to arrive a little earlier. You may begin dropping your children off as early as 8:15 A.M. The bell rings at 8:40 A.M., and the tardy bell rings at 8:45 A.M. If a large number of parents wait until it is close to bell time to arrive, the duty teachers cannot remain outside unloading

cars for a prolonged time after the tardy bell rings because they will be late for Morning Meeting. It is recommended that you bring your child by 8:30 or earlier, so you do not have to wait unnecessarily.

Many of you may have already heard, but I wanted to let you know that our Assistant Principal, Ms. Tara Dragon-Hernandez, will be out of our school for a while. Her young son Grayson, who is less than six months old, was diagnosed with a form of cancer called neuroblastoma over the winter break. If you would like to keep updated on Grayson's progress, or give words of encouragement to this family, you may sign up at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/graysonhernandez](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/graysonhernandez). Please keep this family in your thoughts or prayers.

Thanks for your awesome support that you give and we look forward to a successful year in 2012 at Woodlake Elementary School!

- Lelia Parker, Principal

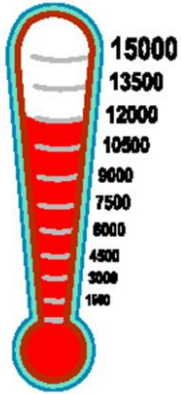


Did You Know...WES has a Student Council?  
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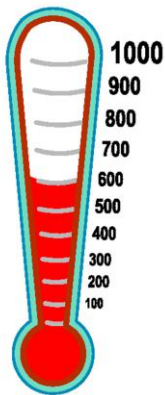
January - February 2012

PTA Goals for 2011-2012

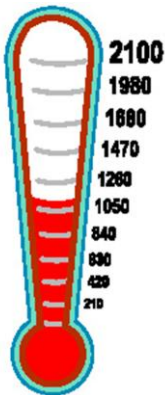
Box Tops  
Goal: 15,000  
Current: 11,859




PTA Membership  
Goal: 1,000  
Current: 600



Food Drive  
Goal: 2,100  
Current: 1,120



| Monday                      | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Sat/Sun  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|--|----------|
| January 16<br>No School     | 17<br>Triple Nickel Restaurant Night   | 18   | 19<br>Domino's Pizza Restaurant Night                                     | 20<br>Cultural Arts Day                              | 21       |
| 23                          | 24   | 25   | 26  | 27   | 22<br>28 |
| PTA Food Drive (see page 4) |  |  |   |  |          |
| 30                          | 31   | February 1   | 2<br>PTA Meeting 6:30pm<br>Treen Tech Center<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> G Perform | 3  | 4<br>5   |
| 6                           | 7<br>Class Picture Day   | 8<br>Paper Recycling Day (see page 4)<br>Bop's Night | 9   | 10   | 11<br>12 |
| 13                          | 14<br>Triple Nickel Night<br> | 15   | 16<br>Domino's Pizza Restaurant Night                                     | 17<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Mardi Gras Parade 2:00pm | 18<br>19 |

Visit [www.woodlakepta.org](http://www.woodlakepta.org) for more information on scheduled events, click on WES PTA Calendar.

Volunteer Opportunities: Office Volunteers Needed

Office Volunteers are needed to help keep the WES Office running smoothly and efficiently.

Two shifts are available: 8am-12pm and 12pm-4pm. You need not be present during the entire shift. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. To inquire or to volunteer, please contact either Shelley Taylor at [sgtaylor98@bellsouth.net](mailto:sgtaylor98@bellsouth.net) or the WES office at 626.8842.



Save the date!

Pelican Palooza  
March 24, 2012

## A Note from Your PTA Presidents...

Happy New Year!! We hope you all had a restful holiday break and a chance to recharge your internal batteries for the start of this New Year. It's a great time to be living in the New Orleans area with post-season football and the Mardi Gras season upon us. We're revving up for some exciting events here at Woodlake as well in the coming months, including our Louisiana Cultural Arts Day, the 3rd Grade Mardi Gras Parade and the Pelican Palooza. With iLeap testing seemingly right around the corner, it's sure to be a semester of anticipation for many. The tremendous support of our wonderful volunteers makes all this excitement possible.

And, believe it or not, it's already time to start planning for the next school

year. We will be seeking out new PTA Officers for the 2012-13 school year. If you think you may be interested, please send an email to [president@woodlakepta.org](mailto:president@woodlakepta.org). We promise your inquiry will not rope you into any commitment but, rather, will create an opportunity for you to learn more about the many rewards that come with being a leader on the PTA Executive Board. We hope you will consider becoming involved.

Until then...Laissez les bons temps rouler!!!

Your PTA Co-Presidents,

*Melissa Gourgues  
Gail Owens*

## Snowflake Shop: THANK YOU!

The PTA would like to thank Kim LaVelle, Vanessa Thibault, Molly Hoffeld, Renee Johnson and the Snowflake Shop committee for the countless hours spent putting together an outstanding Snowflake Shop. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help in the shop and acknowledge local vendors Das Schulerhaus, The Attic, Mandeville Party Company and Vianne's Tea Room for making this year a huge success!

Thanks



### DID YOU KNOW

#### That WES has a Student Council?

- The WES Student Council is made up of eight, elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Officers and two representatives from each class.
- The Council meets monthly and provides a forum for students to present and discuss new ideas related to school matters.
- The Council encourages student involvement and helps to develop leadership skills in our students.
- In addition to conducting the monthly meetings, the Officers' responsibilities also include Trash Troop, Lost & Found distribution and Food Drive item collection and counting.



Holiday of Lights Celebration Performance on December 10<sup>th</sup>: Veronica R., Gabrielle C., Dylan D., Eric G., Halley D., Justin A., William A., Christian A., Dean B. Natalya S., Paige B., Alexa W., Olivia Y., Jade V., Regan F., Ray G.



WES 2011-2012 Student Council Officers: Isabela S. (2nd V.P.), Logan H. (President), Victor S. (Recording Secretary), Brantley T. (1st V.P.), C.J. O. (Corresponding Secretary), Daniel G. (Communications), Alex R. (Historian) and Victoria V. (Treasurer).



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## Fundraiser Limo Ride



On November 8th, 70 students who sold more than 25 tubs of Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough were treated to a limo ride to the Kid's Konnection playground where they enjoyed a pizza party.

On the left, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders enjoy the inside of the SUV stretch limo.

## St. Tammany Parish School Board: "School News Online"

We are pleased to announce that the new online school news website is up and active! Go to [www.stpsb.org](http://www.stpsb.org) and click on the button on the left hand side that says "School News Online". You can scroll down for a listing of the schools to see our Woodlake site. Parents will be able to save and/or print these photos in high resolution by clicking on the webpage photo and downloading the resulting high quality photo that appears. We hope that this helps parents preserve many memories!

## Food Drive: January 23-27th

The PTA will be collecting canned goods and personal care items for the Samaritan Center on Jan. 23rd through Jan. 27th. The Samaritan Center is in desperate need of jelly (plastic jars), canned vegetables, tuna, and as always personal care items. Let your little Pelican know how important it is to help those in need in their community. Thank you for your generosity!

## Paper Drive: February 8th

We're having a paper drive on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Start saving your newspapers, magazines and white paper and help us overflow our recycling dumpster in the front of the school. Be on the lookout for more details coming home soon, and start saving your papers. You'll help make a difference in our environment and teach your children a valuable lesson along the way!

